

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Peachtree City, Georgia

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany ☩ February 6, 2022 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.
Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Minister of Music

☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (hymnal)*

PRELUDES

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion, so please pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Fritz

↑ GATHERING HYMN: *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate*

ELW Hymn 722

- 1 **O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**
- 2 **As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**
- 3 **O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

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↑ GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
☑ **And also with you.**

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| ☒ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. | ☑ Lord, have mercy. |
| ☒ For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord. | ☑ Lord, have mercy. |
| ☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. | ☑ Lord, have mercy. |
| ☒ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. | ☑ Lord, have mercy. |
| ☒ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. | ☑ Amen. |

HYMN OF PRAISE: *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

ELW Hymn 876

- 1 **Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.**



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3 **Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- G** Amen.

LESSON: Revelation 7:9-12

- L** This morning's lesson is from Revelation, chapter 7.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

- L** Word of God, Word of life. **G** Thanks be to God.

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Oh, Sing to the Lord* *ELW Hymn 822*

1 **Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

5 **For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia! Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.**

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↑ **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 8:5-12**

- P** The Holy Gospel according Matthew, the eighth chapter.
- G** Glory to you, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him ⁶and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." ⁷And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." ⁸The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." ¹⁰When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. ¹¹I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, ¹²while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- G** Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

- 1 Children are welcome, Christ said one day, When the disciples just urged them away.
Children are welcome at Jesus' knee: God's own examples for ministry.
Welcoming God, you open the Way; even the smallest worship and pray,
Singing with faith and serving you well, your life to know and good news to tell.
- 2 Women are welcome, as are the men; through God's own Spirit, we're partners again.
Partners as prophets, ministers, too: no more divided—made one in you.
Welcoming God, you open the way; those once divided join now to pray,
Serving at Table, preaching your Word, so that your love for all will be heard.
- 3 Outcasts are welcome; sinners are, too, eating with Jesus and being made new:
Some like Zacchaeus turned right around; wounded and poor ones felt peace profound.
God of great love, you stand at the door, welcoming people outcast and poor.
So you forgive and call us to be filled with the joy of your jubilee.
- 4 So may we welcome into our pew all who in Jesus are being made new—
All those who seek him, wanting to know, wanting to love him, wanting to grow.
Welcoming God, you stand at our door, as someone different, outcast or poor.
With longing eyes, Lord Jesus, you search. May we all welcome you in your church.

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- ☞ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- ☛ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior." Please respond, "Amen."

INVITATION TO OFFERING: *Link to give:* <https://coslutheran.org/give/>



↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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| ☞ The Lord be with you. | ☛ And also with you. |
| ☞ Lift up your hearts. | ☛ We lift them to the Lord. |
| ☞ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. | ☛ It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
- ☞ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- ☛ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SHARING COMMUNION IN THE SANCTUARY OR WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD AT HOME

*As the pastors and worshipers commune, please join them and the whole Church in the sanctuary or remotely by communing each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

ANTHEM: *A Place at the Table*

Sanctuary Choir

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *The Peace of the Lord*

ELW Hymn 646

- 1** **The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me, and also for all of God's children.
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me, and also for all of God's children.**
- 3** **The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live, so open yourselves now to share it.
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↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- P** God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **C** **Amen.**

↑ **SENDING HYMN:** *In Christ There Is No East of West*

ELW Hymn 650

- 1** **In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2** **In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.**
- 3** **Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

- P** Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Invite all to join in connecting to Jesus' pathway of joy and life. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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